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Honorable John A. McCone  
Director, Central Intelligence Agency  
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. McCone:

Enclosed is a copy of my letter to you of October 15,  
requesting that you take action to strengthen the line  
of succession to the leadership of your agency.

I would appreciate it if you would inform me as soon  
as possible of the specific measures you are taking to  
improve your situation.

Sincerely,

Signed

Edward A. McDermott

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OCT 15 1962

Honorable John A. McCone  
Director, Central Intelligence Agency  
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. McCone:

In accordance with requirements placed on the Office of Emergency Planning by a National Security Action Memorandum, I have the assignment of stimulating the completion of adequate lines of succession to departmental officials.

Differences among departments and agencies prevent the establishment of common succession standards. For example, some have regional structures with over-all departmental responsibilities while others have none.

According to our records, recently verified and updated, the emergency line of succession to you consists of nine officials all located in Washington, D. C. This does not provide enough assurance of survivability of successors and continuity of operations in the event of nuclear attack.

Our review of your current plans suggests that your successors in Washington be increased to twelve. It is further recommended that you explore the feasibility of designating at least five officials outside Washington as successors.

I would appreciate being advised as to the action you propose to take to improve succession in your ~~department~~ *agency*.

Sincerely,

Signed

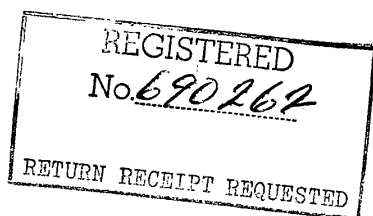
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Honorable John A. McCone  
Director, Central Intelligence Agency  
Washington 25, D. C.

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*Card*  
Colonel J. M. Chambers  
Deputy Director  
Office of Emergency Planning  
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Colonel Chambers:

This is in reply to a letter of October 17 to Mr. McCone concerning the establishment of an interagency committee composed of public information policy-making officials. This is to advise you that the representative of the Central Intelligence Agency will be Colonel Stanley Grogan who can be reached on code 143, extension

Sincerely yours,

(signed) Lyman B. Kirkpatrick

Lyman B. Kirkpatrick  
Executive Director

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OCT 17 1962

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Honorable John A. McCone  
Director, Central Intelligence Agency  
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. McCone:

On the 21st of June, 1962, Mr. Pierre Salinger, the Press Secretary to the President directed the Office of Emergency Planning to plan, organize and administer a White House Emergency Information Program under his policy guidance. The directive also assigned certain essential coordinating functions to the Naval Aide to the President and recognized the existing responsibilities of the Federal Communications Commission for the development of technical means for improvement and expansion of the emergency broadcast system.

As a first step to implement the preliminary plans which now have been approved by the Press Secretary, Mr. Salinger has asked us to establish an Interagency Committee composed of public information policy-making officials of the following agencies:

Department of State  
Department of Defense  
Central Intelligence Agency  
United States Information Agency  
Office of Emergency Planning

The plan contemplates that the Committee will, prior to an emergency, serve as a planning group to assist in the development of the plans necessary to establish the required operational capability. During an emergency this Committee will serve as a senior editorial board at the Classified Location for Central Federal operations.

It will be appreciated if you will, at your earliest convenience, notify me of the name of your representative whom you wish to serve on the Committee. Mr. Salinger has requested that the Committee be formed immediately and be prepared to meet by no later than October 26, 1962.

For further information regarding this request, Mr. Robert Y. Phillips, Director, Government Readiness Office, Office of Emergency Planning, code 113, extension 2396, will be prepared to discuss this matter with you or your staff.

Sincerely,

*J. M. McDermott*  
Edward A. McDermott

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